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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Keijiro NAITO

Group Art Unit: 2675

Application No.: 10/068,879

Examiner: M. H. Liu

Filed: February 11, 2002

Docket No.: 111938

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS WITH THESE DEVICES, SIGNAL INPUT METHOD, AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 18, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the present application based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,756,954 to Yamamoto and claims 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Yamamoto does not constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Specifically, Yamamoto's U.S. filing date of March 16, 2001 is later than the priority date, February 27, 2001, of the present application.

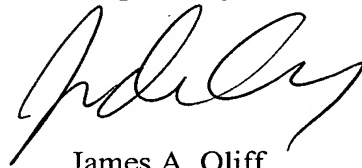
A verified translation of the priority application, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-052198, filed February 27, 2001, will be forwarded under separate cover to perfect the claim for priority.

Thus, for at least the reason discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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